Arden Forest Committee Meeting MINUTES Monday July 18, 2022, 6:00 PM

In attendance Carol Larson, Bev Clendenning, Eric Reed, Lisa Wolfe, Keri Del Tufo. Call to order 6:07

1. Admin: --Approve June minutes.

Update volunteer hours for the last month or tell Bev. New Google Sheet

New contract with Red Tail. Up to \$2000. Denise contract edits- remove herbicide mentions.

- **2. Finance:** \$1900 for Ron Hoegger dead poplar and hazard beech
- **3. Current/New Grants/Projects** DISC Grant ongoing. Signage to explain project text to Keri to laser print and laminate. improved! Report on plant inventory

ARPA: SWMPG date is August 23 for grant proposal. Discussed with Foresite. Contract edits from Politis Arden Species inventory. Will Ryan / Janet Ebert. More research on cost and extent.

- **4. Boundaries/Encroachment** . --Sunset Farms: Bird house post at Sunset to be removed.
- 5. Drainage/Erosion.

Try live stakes in eroded areas: red twig dogwood stakes, willow stakes. Bev will try some rooted plants, we'll try stakes in stream bank at appropriate season.

6. Invasive Species Control –Deer population control: fishing line to protect areas with Euonymous americana. Discussed areas for Red Tail contract

1st yr. Garlic Mustard Tuesday and Stilt grass at Sunset and Sherwood Restoration

Mile-a-minute, Stilt Grass at Mill Race. Bamboo: Woodland at Hurlongs, Tocco, Broadbent (Gordon)

Stanko/Gordon invasive removal - Chameleon plant to treat in July Bev will research best practice for Tx.

7. Paths/Maintenance

monkey ball experiments have largely succeeded. Dave Jones willing to do some bridges.

Eroded spot behind Politis – reroute path with chips monkey balls, or cookies away from creek edge

Path convo with Marianne Cinaglia. Research cost for accessible area walkway- Woodland to Indian Circle?

Considering areas that are feasible. Research design and cost.

Discussed access to creek at 2409 Woodland (Wynn)

8. Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees -. Trees to monitor: Dela Bryan's oak,

Hoegger access in woods was damaging and difficult. Be on the lookout for hazard trees along woods edge. Ridings dead oak – Theis hangers. Bev's ash branches.

Politis poplar, 2000 top out 2500 with brush removal

Twisted Beech with crack behind Founder's Cottage

Fire Lane beeches: 700 to drop two near the lane. 2000-2500 to bring out some wood so we can plant

9. Community Involvement/Communications/Arden Page

Lisa contact Jill Althouse wood about community programs: LEAF, PATCH after mid September September page is early deadline—talk about the fair, stilt grass. .

10. other Business -- Water company issues at Mill Race. Soil instability at Lewis property? Reach of equipment? Politis sent another note regarding Veolia progress.

Meeting adjourned 7:28 PM. Next meeting is Monday, August 15 at 6 PM